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Amendments to the draft resolution entitled "Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals", contained in the report of the Secretary-General (E/2005/53), submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Mr. Agim Nesho (Albania), on the basis of informal consultations

1. In section A, *delete* the fifth preambular paragraph, which had read

> "*Recalling also* that in response to resolution 1973 (LIX) the Committee had, until now, been of the view that the consideration of such a convention would not be appropriate until the various international agreements or conventions governing international transport of dangerous goods had not been harmonized;"

2. In section A, *replace* the existing text of the sixth preambular paragraph, which had read

> "*Noting* that the major international instruments governing the transport of dangerous goods by the various modes of transport (International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code, Technical Instructions for the Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air, European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, Regulations concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Rail, European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Inland Waterway) and as many national regulations are now harmonized with the Model Regulations annexed to the Committee recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods, but that the lack of simultaneity in the updating process of national inland transport legislation in most countries of the world remains the major reason for regulatory disharmony at the worldwide level and represents a serious legislative obstacle to international multimodal transport,"

with the following

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"*Noting* that the major international instruments governing the transport of dangerous goods by the various modes of transport and many national regulations are now harmonized with the Model Regulations annexed to the Committee recommendations on the transport of dangerous goods, but that the uneven progress in the updating process of national inland transport legislation in some countries of the world remains, inter alia, a reason for regulatory disharmony at the worldwide level and represents a serious legislative obstacle to international multimodal transport;"

3. In section A, *replace* the existing text of operative paragraph 5, which had read

"5. *Reiterates* its request to the Committee to study, in consultation with the International Maritime Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the regional commissions and the intergovernmental organizations concerned, the possibility of a joint approach to the drafting of a convention on multimodal international transport of dangerous goods, or any other possibility of improving simultaneous implementation of the Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in all countries for the purposes of ensuring a high level of safety and eliminating technical barriers to international trade;"

with the following

"5. *Requests* the Committee to continue to study, in consultation with the International Maritime Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, the regional commissions and the intergovernmental organizations concerned, the possibilities of improving the implementation of the Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods in all countries for the purposes of ensuring a high level of safety and eliminating technical barriers to international trade, including through the further harmonization of international agreements or conventions governing the international transport of dangerous goods, or a possible joint approach to the development of an effective international instrument on multimodal international transport of dangerous goods, as appropriate;"

4. In section C, in the second preambular paragraph, *replace* the words "the need to ensure their wider participation" with the words "the need to promote their wider participation".

5. In section C, in operative paragraph 4, *replace* the year 2005 with the year 2007.